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SUBJECT: NEW GHANIAN AMB TO ZAIRE

REF: KINSHASA 6683

1. LT. COL. FESTUS FREDRICK ADDAE WAS BORN OCT 29, 1925 IN CAPE COAST, GHANA. NAMED PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS OF GHANA'S ARMED FORCES IN DEC. 1963, HE ACCOMPANIED GEN. KOTOKA TO THE UNGA AND ON A TOUR OF U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN OCT. 1966. BY JAN. 1967 ADDAE WAS CHIEF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AND ATTENDED PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS OFFICER COURSE AT FORT BRAGG, N.C., MAY-AUG. 1968.

2. AFTER THE JAN. 1972 COUP IN GHANA, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL (NRC) IN FEB. 1972 AND IN JUNE 1973 WAS NAMED NRC PRESS SECRETARY. HE SERVED AS NORTHERN REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM APRIL 1972 - OCTOBER 1975. DURING THIS PERIOD (IN NOV. 1974) HE VISITED USSR AS GUEST OF SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY.

3. ADDAE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, IS MARRIED AND HAS FIVE CHILDREN. DURING THE FORT BRAGG COURSE HE WAS DESCRIBED BY AN AMERICAN OBSERVER AS GREGARIOUS BUT OPPORTUNISTIC. HE BELONGS TO THE AKWAPIM TRIBE OF GHANA. LINEHAN

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